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FROM CAPTAIN ROBERT STEWART.

PHILADELPHIA Sepr 17th 1761 —

MY DEAR SIR

I arrived here last Saturday in Compy. with Doctor Stuart who laid a State of your case before Doctor Macleane and now send you their opinions But as the changes to which your Disorder are Subject and the distance of Time and Place may probably in some measure destroy the efficacy of what they prescribe I would earnestly beg leave to recommend your coming here as soon as the circumstances of your affairs can possibly permit for when I consider the advantages you must derive from being under the immediate care of the most eminent and universally acknowledg'd ablest Physician on the Continent in a place where you could enjoy variety of agreeable Compy. &ca. as well as from change of air I cannot help again repeating my entreaties of your loosing none of that valueable Time requisite to re-establish your Health with which no Business however important ought to be put in competition —

This place is at present very barren of News, this Days Paper which I enclose you contains what little there is except a Report of a Peace which it's hop'd will turn out groundless,¹ — nothing as yet has transpired with regard to the destination of the Troops Encampt on

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Staten Island but a man of war is daily expected from England with Despatches for the General —

I have applied to General Monckton for leave to attend him as a Volunteer on the intended Expedition (in case our Governor will agree to it) I have likewise requested his Interest to procure me the Purchass of a Compy. and in the event of my Success will give you the earliest Intelligence of it — I propose to set out for Camp in a few Days from whence I will do myself the pleasure to write you whatever I can pick up that may merit your notice — I am extremely anxtious to know how you do and were it not that writing may be disagreeable in your present situation I would beg a line if ever so short by every oppy. for this place Directed to the Care of Messrs. Macleane & Stuart for I'm persuaded you will not hesitate to believe that nothing could make me so happy as an accot. of your perfect Recovery which I with all my Soul most ardently wish — Please offer my Respectfull Complements. to your Lady

I ever am with the most perfect & unalterable Regard

My Dear Colonel Your most Affectionat & Most Obliged hble Servt. ROBERT STEWART

1 "No other news stirring, than that everybody thinks we are at the eve of peace. All Canada, and the country down as far as Louisiana, but not Louisiana itself, to be ceded to the English, as also Minorca, and we are to release Gaudaloupe, and all other conquests, to the French." — Edward Shippen to Colonel Burd, October 3, 1761, Shippen Papers.